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ICE OPENS NEW OFFICE IN MEMPHIS

New facility collocates all ICE functions under one roof

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Office of Investigations in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) recently hosted an open house to showcase its new collocated office space here.

The new office brings together all the special agents and support staff in one private office building. Prior to the move, agents were located in separate offices at opposite ends of the city. With the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in 2003, employees from two agencies were combined to form the ICE Office of Investigations. This new office facility allows those merged employees for the first time to work in the same building.

More than 100 guests attended the open house who were treated to a buffet-style luncheon prepared by the Memphis office support staff.

Distinguished guests included the U.S. Attorney Terrell L. Harris, and numerous agency heads from several federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies.

"The building's design is the latest state-of-the-art," said Michael Holt, ICE New Orleans special agent-in-charge. "The facility incorporates modern designs to maximize efficiency and customer satisfaction. The building integrates all of our functions under one roof, which will obviously improve productivity." Holt heads the New Orleans Office of Investigations which includes the states of: Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Prior to the open house, Holt and Deputy Special Agent-in-Charge Kyle Barnette conducted an all-hands meeting for the ICE Memphis office staff. The leaders congratulated the Memphis Team for having the first completely collocated office in the five-state New Orleans area. Holt indicated that the ICE Memphis office would be a model for future offices.



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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.